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How I Lost My Only Son to Today's
Toxic Children's Mental Health Industry



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-----Are You Concerned That Your Child's Drug Therapy COULD POSSIBLY BE Dangerous? It's now the 3rd largest drug category in the U.S. Steven Francesco brings a unique and beneficial hybrid perspective to this issue. The vast majority of these drugs do not have FDA authorization for prescribing to children due to the lack of safety and efficacy data. S. children's mental health globe.com ----- "Overmedicated and Undertreated may be the powerful story of one family" Steven Francesco's writing vividly captures the tragic outcomes of an overly medicalized approach to treating teenagers with psychiatric complications and highlights the urgency of shifting the mental health care of our kids and adolescents in a new path. Overmedicated and Undertreated can be absorbing and deeply saddening. Elisabeth Rosenthal, Senior Writer, NY Times Recipient of the 2014 Victor Cohn Prize for Excellence in Medical Research Reporting "" —Overmedicated and Undertreated: How We Lost My Only Son to Today's Toxic Children's Mental Health Industry "Are our doctors, medication and insurance firms and schools working together to give our children the care they want? Each week millions of parents have a problem with these questions. Do you want help with the countless decisions needed to protect your son or daughter?—s struggle with today's toxic Children's Mental Health Industry, which was lethal to their boy. What Steven Francesco learned — and you should understand — That's 1 in 4 children. • www. today. is definitely shocking: • More than \$20 billion of effective, untested psychiatric medications are prescribed to kids annually. More than 12 million kids are prescribed psychiatric medications in the U.S. He weaves a tale with a powerful message for all involved with today's U.S. So, the prescribers are discovering the consequences of the medications, one child at a time, based on the FDA acceptance of "off-label" prescribing. • It's Atypical antipsychotics prescriptions written for children and adolescents have exploded by over 600% since 1998. This is an important book, wonderfully done. S. Although Steven Francesco has over 30 years of experience as a healthcare consultant and former pharmaceutical executive, he found out — too late — how unscientific and self-serving this industry is becoming when his 15-year-old child became a victim of the overmedication epidemic. Overmedicated and Undertreated is usually a cautionary tale that serves as a robust illustration of the damaging and deeply institutionalized conflicts of interest begging for reform in our current toxic Children's Mental Health Industry and provides important assistance on how exactly to protect your children. S. Overmedicated and Undertreated. His recommendations are well thought-out and merit serious concern by parents and mental health professionals.



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Throughout my reading of the book, I was regularly appalled at the large number of potent adult drugs prescribed and over-recommended for a young child without having a solid diagnosis and with consistently poor results! Mr. Francesco doesn't draw any punches when he describes the agony a dad helplessly suffers while trying to navigate through a maze of ignorance, misinformation and bias that ultimately does more harm than good to his beautiful son. The lessons learned are devastating, but out of this misfortune comes hope. Read *Overmedicated and Undertreated* and visit the website for more on the reserve. Also, I urge you to become listed on Mr. The Francescos were frustrated by the inconsistent advice they received from the experts. We are able to break the dangerous cycle of overmedicating and under dealing with our children to allow them to live healthier and meaningful lives. Eric Robespierre, author of *Cracking the Walnut: How Being a Small Nuts Helped Me personally to Beat Prostate Cancer* *Cracking the Walnut: How Being a Little Nuts Helped Me to Beat Prostate Cancer* A cautionary tale We read this powerful, important book in one sitting. Though filled with pain, the written text is well-created - reads almost such as a novel -, can be clear and commands readers' comprehensive attention, despite the fact that the tragic outcome is already known. Well crafted and interesting read. This no angry book. The reserve would work for a wide-range of audiences. Francesco ends his tragic accounts with a call for reform. It is a must examine for all parents who've children mixed up in mental health sector in addition to for the experts who work within it. Life was not possible for the Francesco family. Steven Francesco's *Overmedicated and Undertreated: How I Lost My Son to Today's Toxic Children's Mental Health Sector* can be an engaging, moving account of the Francesco family's journey with the pediatric mental health system. The story leads to tragedy with Andrew, Francesco's 15 year old son, dying from Neuroleptic malignant syndrome, a side-effect of antipsychotic medications. Also before Andrew's death, life was not possible for the Francesco family. A new system that may ask real queries employing research procedures for legitimately evaluating what is good treatment needs to be developed. Anti-depressants don't 'lift major depression' and antipsychotics don't 'treat' or 'heal' a sickness. Francesco in his *Do No Damage Network*. With gut microbiota and the influence of diet plan on gut microbiota getting the existing rage in medicine, certainly someone may have suggested going to diet. Agreement among the experts was sparse. The Francesco family members encountered a mental health system with few definitive answers. I was surprised that Andrew could function at all with all the meds he was taking. Since there is wide consensus on the necessity for medication, the field of mental wellness is a cacophony of factors of look at. I cried at Andrew and all of those other family's struggles in several places. A must browse for parents with kids who are medicated I've a Grandson who has been on a number of the same meds this man's child was on which made it extremely frightening. D., the Chairperson for the DSM IV, offers been vociferous in expressing his belief that psychiatry, as it is currently practiced, labels regular behavior as pathological. Once the DSM-V premiered, Tom Insel M.D. Francesco also reflects that with all the encounters with the procedure system, there was hardly any discussion about alternatives to medication. If only one of the many professionals consulted by the Francesco's had recommended this program of action, Andrew may be enjoying life today. Andrew's sojourn with the mental wellness program began with an ADHD label and a prescription for a stimulant. When other symptoms emerged, instead of asking whether the emergent symptoms might be a medicine side-effect, new labels were offered and additional medications to treat the brand new label were added. (The existing psychiatric thinking would be to add medications instead of subtracting anything.) In the end, Andrew was on the atypical

antipsychotic, Seroquel, along with other medications. Seroquel was the proximal cause of death. However, the publication is usually a wrenching, cautionary tale for parents, an excoriation of the children's mental health market, and a demand action. This is a must go through for anyone who has a child experiencing mental health issues in order to find good medical help and steer clear of the Francesco's tragedies. Which means that the FDA has not approved this medication for the specific diagnostic category and patient age range. Moreover, the FDA under no circumstances evaluates the impact of drugs taken in combination... then Director of the National Institute of Mental Wellness, characterized the diagnoses in the manual mainly because "invalid" with the manual offering, at best, "a dictionary". Through the Francescos' journey, there is never any reference to dietary interventions. Andrew's diagnoses were continuously changing. The writer has experienced some very difficult things to deal with in his personal life and his story is interesting - but also draws the reader in. It is extremely well balanced. Struggling parents will learn what to expect from experts. Members of the overall population have much to learn from this book as well. Francesco regularly reflects that the basis of our current mental health system is "money-driven medication". The machine has emerged from the profit motive of offering diagnoses to be able to promote products.. Writer of Neuroscience for psychologists and various other mental medical researchers: promoting well-being and treating mental illness Autobiography nails the problem of overmedication for children suffering from mental health issues! Without reading compelling stories like the account compiled by Francesco, it is hard to trust that the system is as damaged since it is. Despite simultaneously being on an array of medications, Andrew exhibited many behaviors which were troublesome for others. Jill Littrell Ph.D. The physician professionals, having been "educated" in medical universities and Continuing Medical Education occasions by "crucial opinion leaders" compensated by the pharmaceutical homes, lack a factual basis for their opinions. As a devoted reader, I would recommend this reserve as he makes his factors strongly and academically. Mr. Francesco's autobiography is usually brutally honest, extremely well written and articulate. The launch of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual V in 2013 was met with controversy. I too worked well in the pharmaceutical market for 26 years, specifically with prescription items. Out of Heartbreak Comes Hope Tragically heartbreaking, but essential read if we are to end the harmful practice of overmedicating and under treating our kids. As a long-time child advocate, having volunteered for 14 years at a hospital for special requirements children, I could relate to Andrew and the Francesco's tragedy. The entire family experienced poor medical guidance for Andrew. As for Andrew's almost 15 years of gross over-medication, lack of chat therapy, etc., I am also shocked that no-one (psychiatrists, psychologists, Pediatricians) had an in-depth neurological exam done by a best neurologist when he first manifested his symptoms simply because an infant nor for most of his 15 years. His baby mind bobbing and eye rolling demanded it, yet it had been not done. I have no affiliation nor financial curiosity in this institute. If you ask me this screams malpractice on all amounts, including the tragic, ill-informed activities leading to Andrew's tragic loss of life by Dr. Bainer. The writer has had . Making a genuine assessment of the industry where he produced his living takes moral courage. There's a wonderful institute in TX -The Lawlis-Peavey PsychoNeuroPlasticity (PNP) Center that treats kids like Andrew; they deal with the complete patient. The Center uses a broad, integrative approach to assessment and treatment planning. A multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals collaborates to find solutions. Rather, they experimented on him with plenty of adult meds. Underneath collection: we don't understand whether the diagnostic classes have got any utility, nor will there be a definitive

method to determine whether any particular specific is correctly categorized. Tragically, these medicines maim, damage, injure, and kill. The Francescos had been correct in their perceptions.. We're inside our infancy in diagnosing and dealing with it. Young sufferers and their families are at the mercy of the docs and medical care program, as Mr. Francesco therefore beautifully relates. We began reading "Overmedicated and Undertreated: How We Lost My Just Son to Today's Toxic Children's Mental Health Industry" early today and could not put it down. He properly notes that most of the medications indicated for kids are done therefore "off label". Allen Frances M. Whoever has kids on medication should read this book. I applaud Francesco's resilience and his travel to inform the globe of how toxic children's mental health sector has become. Very sad but interesting Very sad but interesting. Well written enlightening about the poor job we do dealing with mental disease and behavior problems with children Five Stars as described Five Stars I think every parent that's worried about the proceedings making use of their child should read this. Courageous book! Psychiatry and the pharma industry are corrupt cesspools. This is a courageous book on a few levels. Recounting the heartbreaking tragedy of the loss of his boy takes personal courage on Francesco's component. The Francesco's and specifically Andrew, were susceptible to these professionals who badly failed them! Study after study is now challenging the 'evidence'-base where psych drugs have been foisted on the public, and the scientific evidence isn't there. Andrew himself voiced self-loathing and bewilderment over his incapacity to relate to others. What is there in the place of psychiatry's 'evidence' base is hidden harm seen in clinical tests, lies, corruption, conflict-of-curiosity, and ghostwritten studies designed to sell drugs. Rather they threw medications at him in doses never meant for a child nor a grown-up! Psychiatry is normally rotten to the primary and needs to be taken apart. The DSM 'model' is usually a delusional fantasy that serves to sell drugs. People who want help and treatment are not served by psychiatry or by its medications. People who want to even more have to read Robert Whitaker's 'Anatomy of an Epidemic' and read his nonprofit site, 'Mad in America'. This teacher approves! I'm a middle school teacher and I hardly have time to go through anything that isn't pertinent to my content area but I found myself reading this book every night because of how well written and informative it really is. Francesco makes the issues he writes about very accessible to all or any audiences. Though this is a very unfortunate story with a very real and scary subject, I finished the publication feeling better equipped to advocate for all children I use and meet. We have to stop pumping our young people full of drugs and figure out ways to help them rather than killing them. Compiled by an executive in the health-care industry, it really is refreshingly free from jargon, useful and is seen as a balance between the personal and the medical. He should have lost his medical permit! Thus, the whole prescription enterprise, where in fact the rule can be polypharmacy, constitutes "flying blind".I firmly think that mental health may be the last frontier in medicine. Well written and interesting read.In conclusion, Steven Francesco's account of his son's tragic encounter with the pediatric mental health system is well-worthy of reading.



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